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## Bureau Announces New "Accepted" Application Status for Notifications of Construction

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces it has modified the Universal Licensing System (ULS) by adding a new application status of "Accepted" in order to more accurately reflect its treatment of certain notification filings. Specifically, the accepted status will be used for Required Notification applications that are filed to inform the Bureau that within a given time period:

- the licensee has satisfied either a buildout/coverage or construction requirement or has complied with the yearly station construction requirements for licenses with approved extended implementation plans, or
- the licensee is requesting a regular authorization for paging facilities currently operating under developmental authority.

These Required Notification applications, commonly known as *Notifications of Construction*, are filed using FCC Main Form 601 and Schedule K.

Since 1998, the Bureau has used a "Granted" status to indicate that Notifications of Construction have been reviewed (either electronically or manually). Because the Bureau does not take an action under delegated authority with respect to Notifications of Construction, it is inappropriate to continue using the "Granted" status. Therefore, in order to more clearly reflect our actual administrative process, we are changing the status we use in this instance to "Accepted". In ULS, the status code for "Accepted" is "Q". We note that this change is purely administrative in nature and impacts neither the method of filing for applicants nor the time it takes for Notifications of Construction to be reviewed.

This change will be implemented beginning with applications reviewed on or after today, June 17, 2003. In the future, we will implement the "Accepted" status for Required Notification applications that are used to notify the FCC that a transfer of control or assignment of authorization has been consummated. These *Notifications of Consummation* applications are filed using FCC Main Form 603 and Schedule D. Prior to that change, a Public Notice will be released announcing the effective date.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The ULS download file will automatically include the new "Q" status code which is simply the addition of a new code and not a change in the download file format.